IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A load terminal assembly for use in a circuit breaker, comprising:

a main load terminal ~~to connect~~ connected to a bimetal strip and further connected to a lug assembly ~~the~~ for the attachment of a conductive cable thereto; and

a load brace located ~~on top of~~ astride the main load terminal, and having at least one tab ~~extending past the to fit~~ fitting into a corresponding pocket of a ~~circuit breaker~~ housing of the circuit breaker.

2. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 1, wherein the load brace has two tabs, each tab extending downward on either side of ~~past~~ the main load terminal to fit into two corresponding pockets of the circuit breaker housing.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 1, wherein the main load terminal includes a first arm and a second arm extending along a common line with the second arm generally parallel to the first ~~portion~~arm, the first arm and the second arm being connected by a curved bend.

5. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 4, wherein ~~the first arm and~~ the second arm ~~determine the elevation in which~~ of the main load terminal ~~enters~~ connects to a trip unit ~~housing~~containing the bimetal.

6.-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 1, further comprising an armature pivot of a trip unit ~~coupled to~~pressed against the load ~~terminal~~ brace ~~in place after assembly~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 8, wherein the armature pivot includes a rib for holding the load ~~terminal~~ brace in place.

10. (Currently Amended) The trip assembly of claim 9, wherein the rib includes a protrusion to hold the load ~~terminal~~ brace onto the main load terminal.

11. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling a terminal assembly for use in one of a plurality of circuit breakers, the method comprising:

providing a main load terminal;

providing a load terminal brace having at least one tab extending out past a formed end;

placing the load terminal brace over the main load terminal such that the at least one tab extends out past the main load terminal; and

inserting the at least one tab into at least one aperture in a circuit breaker housing.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11, wherein said load brace has two tabs, and the method further comprises inserting each of the two tabs into corresponding apertures in the circuit breaker housing.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11, wherein providing the includes providing a first portion and a second portion generally parallel to the first portion, and connecting the first portion and the second portion by a curved bend.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein providing the brace includes providing a first end and a second end generally perpendicular to the first end.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein placing the load terminal brace over the main load terminal comprises laying the first end of the brace over the first

portion of the main load terminal such that a gap is created between the second end of the brace and the curved bend of the main load terminal.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11, further comprising coupling a holding member to the load terminal brace.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the coupling comprises using a protrusion on the holding member to hold the load terminal brace onto the main load terminal.

18. (Currently Amended) A terminal assembly for use in a circuit breaker, comprising:

a first member; and

a second member ~~abutting~~ structured for placing astride the first member, the second member including a pair of protruding arms ~~to be inserted~~ insertable into a corresponding pair of recesses in a circuit breaker housing~~,~~ such that the pair of protruding arms brace the first member against rotational force.

19. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 18, wherein the first member is ~~adapted to be~~ electrically and physically coupled to a bimetal strip ~~in the circuit breaker housing~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 18, further comprising a holding member ~~adapted~~ having surfaces shaped to ~~hold~~ press the second member against the first member.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The terminal assembly ~~for use in a circuit breaker, comprising~~ of claim 18:

~~a means for~~wherein the first member is ~~connecting~~ connected to a bimetal strip and can be connected to a conductive cable through an application of rotational force; and

~~a means for bracing~~wherein the second member braces both of the ~~connecting means~~ first member and the bimetal strip against rotational movement~~, the bracing means including means for inserting~~ through insertion of the second member into a housing of the circuit breaker, the ~~means for inserting~~ housing being structured ~~adapted~~ to withstand rotational forces.

22. (Currently Amended) The terminal assembly of claim 21, wherein the ~~connecting means~~first member includes a first arm and a second arm extending along a common line with the second arm substantially parallel to the first arm, the second arm connected to the first arm with a curved bend.

23. (Cancelled)